

# "What Islam Has Done For Me..."

## Why I Made Islam My Life

(The terror of a tree in South Carolina on which an innocent Negro farm hand was lynched by white racists 40 years ago—and her disgust with the antics of some preachers were recalled by Sister Beatrice X in the first installment of her statement on what Islam has done for her. In Part II following, the final installment, she tells how the move to Washington, D.C., was the turning point in her life.)

By Sister Beatrice X

I left the South and came to Washington, D. C., a move that was to prove the "turning point" in my life. I continued my search in the nation's capital for the "truth." For sometime I found it as elusive in Washington as it was in Greenville, S. C. The preachers were no better than those in South Carolina.

My home in Washington happened to sit a n d near a small building that was called the "Temple of Islam." However, I did not visit this temple immediately. I was too busy putting my nickels and dimes on the "wrong" number. Like most of the Negroes from the South, I was trying to "hit" it rich.

One day after I had married again, a friend I hadn't seen for a long time came to the house, enthusiastically telling me about a little man preaching a "new truth."

At the first chance, I heard this man. He pointed out some things in the Bible with which I had to agree. When he began to explain the nature of the white man and his inborn hatred of the black man, I had visions of that limb on the "Lynching tree" in Greenville where a white mob murdered an innocent black man.

I also remembered the Mason, who used only part of the teachings of Islam—and the preachers refusing to tell the real truth about the scriptures.

In a matter of days, I became a Muslim. My long search for truth and a way of life which did not require me to sacrifice my dignity and identity had ended on a happy note.

I registered all my children under 12 years of age. At the beginning, my husband, whom I love very much, grew hostile. He and one of my sons tried to dissuade me. But time has changed all that. One by one, the others began to come to Islam.

I consider myself one of the early Muslims in Washington. We suffered extreme hardships to help the Honorable Elijah Muhammad establish Islam here. I served 20 days in jail. My sons, James and Johnny, were

taken away from me a n d placed in Blue Plains, D.C. (presently Junior Village).

Our leader (we did not know at the time that he was the Messenger) also was arrested — on May 8, 1962. For the slightest provocation — or for no reason at all — Muslims were arrested and thrown into jail. But, thanks to Allah, we have endured it all.

What has Islam done for me? Islam has given me peace of mind and contentment. If all the money in the world were placed at my feet, I would not exchange Islam for it.

Sixteen years ago I weighed more than 200 pounds. I was sluggish and always was "down with something." But today I am vigorous and active. I always have liked to work with food and children, which requires much standing. However, I work with food and children today with relative ease.

Fourteen years following the Messenger of Allah have given me life, vitality, peace and happiness. I hope that every so-called Negro soon will accept the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

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PACE SETTER at Muhammad's Mosque in San Francisco is 70-year-old Brother Layzim X (right), shown here in the role of an ace Muhammad Speaks salesman, averaging more than 200 newspapers per issue. Energetic septuagenarian is active in all Muslim affairs. Man on left is unidentified.

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